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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR SECRETARY DENT FOR CCC

CREDITS FOR GRAIN

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION PRIOR TO OPENING FIRST
PLENARY SESSION US-ROMANIAN JOINT ECONOMIC
COMMISSION, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MIN FGN TRADE
PATAN PRESENTED REQUEST TO SECRETARY DENT FOR ABOUT
ONE MILLION TONS OF GRAIN, HALF IN WHEAT, HALF IN
CORN ON CCC BASIS. PATAN EXPLAINED THE SERIOUS
DROUGHT WHICH HAS AFFECTED CONSIDERABLE PART OF
ROMANIA WITH NO RAIN IN SOME AREAS SINCE LAST
AUGUST AND SHARPLY REDUCED QUANTITIES OF RAIN AND
SNOW IN ALL OTHER AREAS. HE STATED THAT RAIN WITHIN
THE NEXT WEEK MIGHT MAKE SOME DIFFERENCE BUT THAT SO
FAR AS WHEAT IS CONCERNED ROMANIA WILL CLEARLY NEED
TO IMPORT SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES. HE SPOKE IN TERMS
OF WHEAT DELIVERIES HOPEFULLY BEGINNING OCTOBER AND
CORN STARTING LATER AND CONTINUING UNTIL MARCH. SUB-
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JECT OF DROUGHT SITUATION CAME UP IN SUBSEQUENT CON-

VERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER MANESCU AND WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. SECRETARY DENT NOTED SUSPENSION OF CCC CREDITS LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF SHARP RISE IN WORLD DEMAND. HE ALSO SPOKE WITH CONFIDENCE OF GOOD PROSPECTS FOR WHEAT CROP THIS SPRING WITH CORN STILL SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AT THIS STAGE. CEAUSESCU PICKED UP THE THOUGHT OF GOOD US WHEAT PROSPECTS AND SAID HE HOPED ROMANIA WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY SOME AMERICAN WHEAT.

2. SECRETARY PROMISED TO TRANSMIT ROMANIAN REQUEST AND ALSO TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITIES OF CCC CREDITS IN LIGHT OF SEVERE DROUGHT.

3. SECRETARY DENT OBSERVES THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH ROMANIA IN SPITE OF INABILITY TO GRANT MFN TO DATE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, SECRETARY AND EMBASSY HOPE FOR AN EARLY FAVORABLE DECISION.
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